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(U) CALIFORNIA

(U) Whittier – Whittier Officer Killed by Gang Member While Responding to Traffic Collision

(U) One officer was killed and a second injured after a shootout with a gang member in a Monday morning altercation in Whittier, authorities said. Three Whittier Police Officers responding to a traffic collision around 8 a.m. were fired upon by a recently paroled 26-year-old man driving a stolen car. Authorities said the suspect opened fire with a semiautomatic pistol, killing Officer Keith Boyer, a 27-year veteran of the Whittier Police Department. The other officer injured in the shooting is expected to survive. The suspect, who is also expected to survive, is believed to have been involved in a homicide that occurred in East Los Angeles, after which he stole a vehicle and later encountered the police in Whittier.

SOURCE: 20 February 2017, [Los Angeles Times](#)

(U) NATIONAL

(U) New York – Authorities Investigating More Than 60 Threats to Jewish Centers Across the US

(U) Buffalo – Federal authorities are looking into threats communicated to at least 60 Jewish Community centers (JCC) around the country this year. The threats started in January, and there were at least 11 new threats on 18 January. The latest incidents were bomb threats made over the phone, according to the JCC Association of North America. All threats were determined to be hoaxes, but authorities continue to investigate the reports. The Department of Homeland Security is informed and continues to disseminate the information nationwide through the Homeland Security Information Network.

SOURCE: 20 February 2017, [ABC News](#)

(U) Tennessee – ‘Sovereign Citizens’ Waged War of Paper Terror

(U) Newport – A Davidson County Grand jury has indicted Ronald James Lyons and nine other East Tennesseans as part of a crackdown on adherents to the Sovereign Citizens movement. All face charges of forgery and of filing bogus liens against various public officials, a common tactic employed by members of the movement. The Southern Poverty Law Center, which tracks extremist groups, calls the strategy a form of ‘paper terrorism.’ Some of the liens filed amounted to as much as \$12 million, according to the Tennessee Bureau of Investigation, which handled the case with help from the FBI.

SOURCE: 18 February 2017, [Knoxville News Sentinel](#)

(U) INTERNATIONAL

(U) Colombia – Bomb Explodes Near Colombia Bullring, Injuring Dozens of Officers

(U) Bogotá – A homemade bomb exploded near a bullring in Bogotá on Sunday, injuring two dozen police officers and two civilians, according to Colombian authorities. The explosion went off a few hours before a scheduled bullfight, as police officers in riot gear were gathering ahead of a demonstration by animal rights activists. Authorities have not determined the motive for the attack. Some local news organizations speculated that the bomb might have been placed by members of the National Liberation

Army. Authorities had no evidence that the attack had anything to do with the resumption of bullfighting.

SOURCE: 19 February 2017, [New York Times](#)

(U) Yemen – Saudi Frigate Attacked by Unmanned Bomb Boat

(U) Hudaydah – The bomb-laden craft that attacked a Saudi frigate last month was unmanned and likely Iranian, the U.S. Navy has determined. Previously described as a Houthi suicide boat, the U.S. Navy has now determined the craft was unmanned and guided into the Royal Saudi Navy ship, Al Madinah, remotely on 30 January in the Red Sea off the coast of Yemen. The U.S. 5th Fleet Commander said that the assessment is that it was an unmanned, remote-controlled boat of some kind, according to reports. The explosion killed two Saudi sailors.

SOURCE: 20 February 2017, [U.S. Naval Institute](#), [DefenseNews](#)

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